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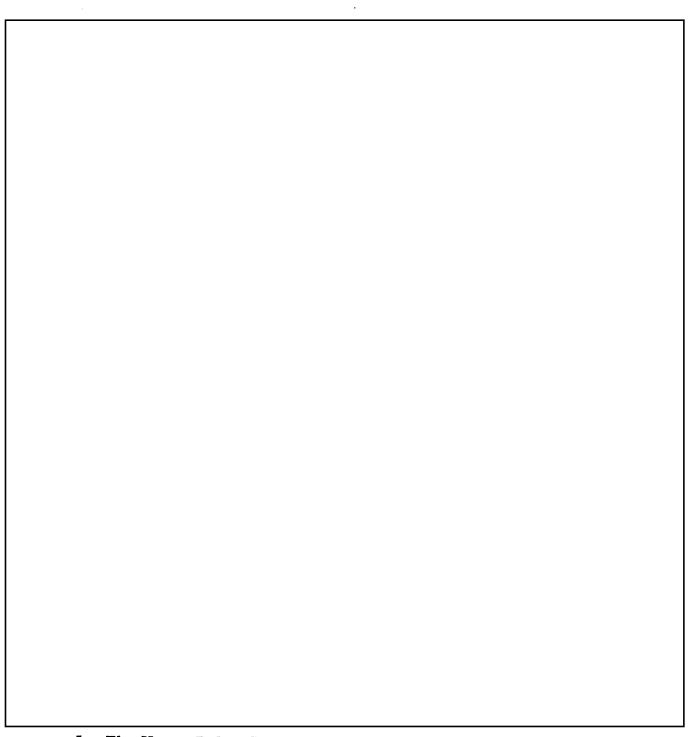
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1. Mr. Kelleher, of the staff of the House Armed Services Committee, who sat in on the conference on the Military Construction Bill, informed me that the House conferees led by Chairman Vinson had held out very strongly for the full \$50,000,000 construction authorization for the CIA building, but that the Senate conferees were extremely adamant on the \$45,000,000 figure. Senator Case seemed to carry the ball on the Senate side and pointed out that we would save considerable money due to the fact that we would not need a monumental type building as we were not building in the District. Senator Case did not point out that if we were to build in the suburbs we would have to add certain things such as boiler facilities. The final result was an increase of \$1,000,000 to \$46,000,000. Mr. Kelleher also took the position that the language was sufficient to authorize us to spend \$1,000,000 for acquisition of land if we did not go to Langley, although the total amount authorized for expenditure was \$54,500,000.

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5. The House Rules Committee heard Cong. Zablocki (D., Wisc.) urge passage of his H. Con. Res. 28 to establish a Joint Committee on Intelligence matters. The Rules Committee took no action on the measure and did not ask any questions of its sponsor.

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- 6. The House approved the Conference Report on the Military Construction bill, which now goes to the Senate.
- 7. Mr. Roger Jones, Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget, called regarding the executive pay bill following a White House meeting on 6 July. I told him that our position was that the DCI should have a salary equivalent to the Deputy Secretary of Defense and that the DDCI should be equated to Under Secretaries of Executive departments in line with the Hoover Commission recommendations. Mr. Jones stated that he felt this could not be done as the Deputy Secretary of Defense was to be considered "a rare bird" and salaries would not be equated at that level. Mr. Jones did state, however, that there was a possibility that it would be necessary to reallocate certain positions within various groupings of the executive pay act of 1955, and that there was a possibility that the Director's and Deputy Director's salaries could be handled in that manner. He felt, however, that the six special assistant positions which we desired should be sought by separate legislation. In any event, Mr. Jones said that the executive pay bill was now being redrafted by Mr. Baruch at the Civil Service Commission in line with the White House meeting, and that Mr. Jones would be in touch with me as soon as he had a bill before him. Col. White's understanding is that the Director's salary is to be set at \$23,500 and the Deputy Director's salary will be set at \$20,000 which will also be the top of the proposed salary for GS-18s.